

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on March 8, 2007
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Alan Olson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Sue Dickenson
Rep. Scott Sales

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 70, SB 71, SB 72, SB 90
Executive Action: SB 90, SB 70, SB 72, SB 47, SB 71

HEARING ON SB 90

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:17 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 90, Multi-year adjustments to institutional per diem.

EXHIBIT(sth49a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:07 Laurie Lamson, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:19 Rep. Ingraham
00:07:54 Ms. Lamson
00:09:44 Rep. Ingraham
00:10:02 Ms. Lamson
00:10:14 Rep. Hendrick
00:10:27 Ms. Lamson
00:11:22 Rep. Malcolm
00:11:49 Sen. Laslovich
00:11:59 Rep. Malcolm
00:12:06 Sen. Laslovich
00:12:15 Chairman Himmelberger
00:12:30 Sen. Laslovich

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:41 Sen. Laslovich

HEARING ON SB 70

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:55 Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 70, Revise membership of state emergency response commission.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:47 Dan McGowan, Administrator for Montana Disaster and
Emergency Services
00:15:43 Roger McGlenn, Executive Director, Independent
Insurance Agents of Montana
00:16:21 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:12 Rep. Jacobson
00:17:53 Sen. Tropila
00:18:06 Mr. McGowan

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:28 Sen. Tropila

HEARING ON SB 71

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:58 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on
SB 71, Revise bill sponsor notification for
administrative rules.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:00 Ann Brodsky, Legal Council, Governor's Office
00:20:47 Sen. Carolyn Squires
00:21:28 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriff's and Peace
Officer's Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:12 Sen. Gebhardt

HEARING ON SB 72

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:02 Sen. Carolyn Squires (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 72, Require Senate confirmation of PERB nominations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:26 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officer's Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:15 Rep. Ankney
00:27:36 Sen. Squires
00:28:13 Chairman Himmelberger
00:28:40 Sen. Squires
00:29:48 Chairman Himmelberger
00:30:13 Sen. Squires

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:11 Sen. Squires

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 90

00:33:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Malcolm moved that **SB 90 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Dickenson, Wilmer, Sales and Olson voted by proxy. Rep. Malcolm will carry SB 90.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 70

00:35:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **SB 70 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Sales, Dickenson, Wilmer and Olson voted by proxy. Rep. Hendrick will carry SB 70.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 72

00:36:30 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **SB 72 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:36:43 Rep. Barrett
00:36:58 Sheri Heffelfinger
00:37:59 Rep. McNutt
00:39:06 Rep. Barrett

00:39:12 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 72 BE CONCURRED IN** carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Sales, Dickenson, Wilmer and Olson voted by proxy. Rep. Jacobson will carry SB 72.

Additional Discussion (Pertaining To SB 71 & SB 47):

00:40:35 Chairman Himmelberger
00:40:48 Ms. Heffelfinger

00:44:45 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **SB 71 and SB 47 BE COMBINED** to avoid conflict between the two.

Discussion:

00:45:00 Rep. Barrett
00:45:19 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:46:03 Rep. Ingraham
00:46:23 Ms. Heffelfinger

00:47:09 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 71 and SB 47 BE COMBINED** carried unanimously by voice vote 18-0. Reps. Dickenson and Sales voted by proxy. Sheri Heffelfinger is working on the amendment.

Additional Discussion:

00:48:04 Rep. Hendrick
00:48:10 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:48:26 Chairman Himmelberger
00:48:51 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:49:38 Rep. Ankney
00:49:50 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:50:22 Rep. Ingraham
00:50:40 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:52:18 Chairman Himmelberger

ADJOURNMENT

00:55:00 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sth49aad.pdf](#))